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Dear MPWC Working Group Member,

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) is undertaking a review of its initial management plan. A decade of experience protecting the marine ecosystem and working with the community has helped us to identify issues and strategies that should potentially be incorporated into our management scheme. Over the last year and a half these issues were further honed over a series of public scoping meetings and workshops with our Sanctuary Advisory Council. From this process we have identified fifteen specific issues that we will seek additional public input on in a working group format. This working group will help the Sanctuary further define the potential strategies and actions to address the management of Motorized Personal Watercraft (MPWC) within the Sanctuary.

We want to thank each of you for agreeing to lend your expertise to this issue and we look forward to working with you over the coming months. This package provides background information regarding the Sanctuary, the Joint Management Plan Review (JMPR) process, and the issue of MPWC management. We appreciate the value of your time, and it is our aim to make our meetings as productive and timely as possible. Enclosed you will find the following materials:

- MPWC Working Group Contact List
- JMPR Working Group Roles and Responsibilities
- JMPR Working Group Consensus Based Decision Making
- MPWC Issue Background
- 1992 FEIS Comments & NOAA Response
- Scoping Comments Related to MPWC
- Sanctuary MPWC Brochure
- The 1992 MBNMS Management Plan, Regulations, Designation Document and National Marine Sanctuaries Act (as amended in 2000)
- Overview of the Joint Management Plan Review process
- The Monterey Bay State of the Sanctuary Report
- The Management Plan Review Priority Issue Work Plan



I hope you find these documents useful in understanding the purpose and objectives of the management plan review and working group processes. If you have any questions during this process, please feel free to contact me directly at 831-647-4251, or by email at scott.kathey@noaa.gov. There is also a section of the Sanctuary's website that will be devoted to postings, contacts, and information specific to each working group at <http://sanctuaries.nos.noaa.gov/jointplan>. Again, thank you for volunteering to participate in this group. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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